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C O N F I D E N T I A L KARACHI 1527

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, PK  
SUBJECT: TECHNICAL CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY TEAM

REF: STATE 075583 (NOTAL)

1. APPRECIATE FAA'S QUICK RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST AND LOOK FORWARD TO VISIT OF TEAM. WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONCERNED BY FAA'S DESIRE TO CONDUCT TRAINING SEPARATE FROM GOP CUSTOMS AND PIA SECURITY FORCES WORKING IN THE SAME AND RELATED FIELDS. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE GENERAL REASONING BEHIND THIS DESIRE, IT IS OUR OPINION THAT TO CONDUCT SEPARATE TRAINING WOULD BE IGNORING REALITIES OF THE SITUATION AT KARACHI AIRPORT, AND AT OTHER MAJOR AIRPORTS IN PAKISTAN.

2. SECURITY OF PAKISTANI AIRPORTS AND INCREASINGLY THE TOTAL FUNCTIONING OF THESE AIRPORTS IS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE LOCAL COMMANDER OF THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCES.

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IN ITS EXPANDED ROLE THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE IS INCREASINGLY FACED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COORDINATING THE FUNCTIONING OF PIA SECURITY AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, BOTH OF WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE TOTAL AIRPORT SECURITY PICTURE.

3. CONCURRENTLY, IN THEIR EXPANDED ROLE THE

AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE HAS BEEN PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE ROLE IN ANTI-SMUGGLING OPERATIONS. AS THEY INCREASE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN SEARCHING PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE, THEY INEVITABLY TURN UP CONTRABAND ITEMS WHICH IN TURN BRINGS THEM INTO CONTACT WITH THE CUSTOMS PERSONNEL POSTED AT THE AIRPORT. THE COMMANDER OF THE AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE IS AWARE OF THIS SITUATION AND WANTS HIS SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM TO PREPARE HIS PEOPLE TO DEAL WITH THIS AND ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS.

4. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT BOTH THE US GOVERNMENT AND THE US MISSION IN PAKISTAN WILL BENEFIT MORE FROM A COORDINATED PROGRAM WITH EMPHASIS ON OVERALL AIRPORT SECURITY THAN IT WILL FROM A SEPARATE TRAINING PROGRAM. WE ARE SURE THAT ONCE THE FAA TEAM IS ON THE GROUND IN KARACHI WE WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE IN COORDINATING OUR EFFORTS AND DESIGNING A PROGRAM WHICH WILL WORK TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF ALL INVOLVED PARTIES.

5. TEAM WILL BE MET UPON ARRIVAL IN KARACHI. WE PLAN TO HOUSE THEM AT THE AID STAFF HOUSE. DEFER TO ISLAMABAD RE-HOUSING DURING RAWALPINDI PHASE OF VISIT. WILL ADVISE SHORTLY REGARDING EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE IN PAKISTAN AIRPORTS.

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